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LETTER DATED 23 MARCH 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward herewith a statement of the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia relative to its decision to declare the state of imminent danger of war and a statement of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia relative to its decision regarding the deployment of NATO troops in the territory of the Republic of Serbia (see annexes).

I should be very grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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Annex I

Statement of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia of 23 March 1999

At its today's session, the Federal Government, in accordance with its authorities under Article 99 para 10 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and having recognized the views of the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and of the Presidents of Chambers of the Federal Assembly, adopted the following

DECISION

to declare the state of imminent danger of war because there is a danger of aggression against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

This decision is effective immediately.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is exposed to NATO threats which is contrary to all norms of international law and represents a direct threat of aggression against a sovereign country such as is the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Federal Government passed this decision on the basis of the decision by the Federal Assembly, adopted at its session of 5 October 1998 and in accordance with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Federal Government will, once the conditions are met, inform the Federal Assembly of this decision. The Federal Government took into account the conclusions of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, adopted at its session of 23 March 1999.

Annex II

Statement of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia
of 23 March 1999

Regarding the request to deploy NATO troops in order to implement the political Agreement on self-government in Kosovo and Metohija, which has not been reached, agreed and harmonized yet with all national communities living in Kosovo and Metohija and threats of bombing our country and people if this is rejected, **the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia**, at its session convened on 23 March 1999, adopted the following

DECISION

1. The National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia does not accept the presence of foreign military troops in Kosovo and Metohija.

2. The National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia is ready, immediately after the signing of the political agreement on self-government which would be agreed and accepted by the representatives of all national communities living in Kosovo and Metohija, to consider the scope and character of international presence in Kosovo and Metohija with a view to implementing the Agreement reached in this way.